

GFDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 7, 2023

8:00 – 9:30 AM

Heritage Hall, Great Falls College MSU

Zoom Option

Meeting ID: 940 1482 9623

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GFDA Staff Present:

Alan Gohary, Brett Doney, Christian Nichols, Jenn Gallmeier, Jolene Schalper, Lillian Sunwall, Lyndsay Bruno, Tracy Heggem, Tyler Menzales

GFDA Board Members Present:

Andreas Geranios, Ashley Clark, Brittany Riley, Dan Rearden, Dani Grebe, Denise Schnider, Forrest Ehlinger, George Nikolakakos, Jennifer Fritz, Jim Dea, Jody Johnson, Joe Briggs, John Faulkner, Johnna Lightbourne, Len Watkins, Lew Card, Mark Cappis, Mark Macek, Martin Kuchta, Mike Mills, Nate Weisenburger, Peyton Johnson, Randy Gilbertson, Raymond Porter, Rebecca Engum, Reed Bassett, Rob Haney, Roy Alexander, Shane Etwiler, Shannon Hoiland, Sharon Virgin, Dr. Stephanie Erdmann, Ted Lewis, Tom Heisler, Zach Mendenhall

GFDA Council Members Present:

Brandon Rosten, Dan Rooney, Mike Hallahan, Spencer Woith

Guests:

Anders Blewett, Joe McKenney

Board members are encouraged to participate in person whenever possible. Times are approximate and agenda items may be taken out of order. Any Director with a potential conflict of interest on the agenda should state the conflict at the start of the meeting.

8:00 1. Introductions – Mark Cappis

8:05 2. Consent Agenda – Mark Cappis

a) Accept excused absences: Glenn Bliss, Josh DeVos, Kylie Carranza, Pat Woodall, Dr. Renee Pera, Tom Moore, Tyler Muzzana

ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve excused absences for 12/7/23 meeting. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.

b) Approve minutes of 11/2/23 Board meeting.

ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve minutes of 11/2/23 Board & Council meeting. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.

8:10 3. Innovative Education Tax Credit & GFPS – Anders Blewett

Presentation on Innovative Education Tax Credit, opportunity for Great Falls Public Schools and how to participate.

8:20 4. Reports – Mark Cappis

Do any Directors have questions about reports that were emailed out or would like to discuss anything in the reports?

8:25 5. GFDA Council Appointment – Jenn Gallmeier

Appoint Scott Arensmeyer of Springhill Suites to GFDA Council.

ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve appointment of Scott Arensmeyer of Springhill Suites to GFDA Council. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.

- 8:30 6. GFDA Brownfields Advisory Committee Appointments – Lillian Sunwall
Appoint Advisory Committee for new Brownfields Assessment grant:
 BID/DGFA – Kellie Pierce (Director)
 Cascade County – Charity Yonker (Planning Director)
 City of Great Falls – Tom Micuda (Deputy Director)
 Great Falls Association of Realtors – Zac Griffin (Director)
 City/County Historic Preservation Advisory Board/Hotel Arvon (Peter Jennings)
 Neighborhood Council #7 – Trevor Mikkelson
 NeighborWorks Great Falls – Kevin Melinger
ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve appointments to Brownfields Advisory Committee as listed above. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.
- 8:35 7. Staff Introductions & Recognition – Brett Doney & Jolene Schalper
- 8:40 8. Great Falls AgriTech Park Update – Brett Doney
- 8:50 9. GFDA Storytelling – Lyndsay Bruno
 Sharing of GFDA video content
- 8:55 10. Energy and Logistics Steering Committees Brainstorming – Tyler Menzales
 Brainstorm who to invite to serve on steering committees for these two market assessment projects.
- 9:05 11. Vet School Feasibility – Brett Doney
- 9:10 12. Pipeline Update – Jolene Schalper
- 9:15 13. CEO Issues – Brett Doney
- 9:20 14. Board Sharing – Mark Cappis
 Updates from Board members on issues affecting GFDA’s mission and organization.
- 9:25 15. Public Comment – Mark Cappis
 Opportunity for public comment.

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